

EDITORIALS

Airport Possibilities

These columns recently pointed out the great advantage to the city of Torrance of the Municipal airport. Operating as a airport alone, the property is a distinct asset to this city; as an industrial and commercial site it has almost limitless advantages in the way of income to the city and an attraction to future growth in the southern section and along Pacific Coast highway.

At the present time negotiations are under way with one of the most successful real estate organizations in California who would take an option with the immediate intention of developing a shopping center. By all means, the airport commission and the city council should cooperate with this organization and with others seeking to develop other commercial and industrial ventures at this advantageous location.

To serve the needs of this rapidly growing territory there must be additional shopping facilities. Certainly, it is distinctly more favorable to the city's interest to have this development come on city-controlled property than anywhere else.

Private Capital Did It

City officials and others who visited Southern California Edison's Big Creek hydroelectric installations, in the High Sierra northeast of Fresno, returned impressed with what they had seen. That this gigantic project could have been achieved by private capital alone could not help but remind anyone that private initiative can succeed and do it more effectively and efficiently than government funds packaged in red tape.

Big Creek is vital in the lives of persons residing in this area or employed in local industries. Power generated by the use of mountain waters, that otherwise would be running off in reckless, dangerous floods, lights our homes and furnishes the power for industry. What happens at Big Creek is important to a large part of Southern California and many other sections of the state.

The Southern California Edison Company will have about \$150,000,000 of stockholders' money invested in the Big Creek-San Joaquin development in a short time. For the magnitude of their investment the stockholders will receive comparatively low returns. Yet, (and this would be untrue if the project had been carried out with government funds) this private investment will pay huge taxes to the government.

If every consumer of light and power could inspect Big Creek and similar installations built by private enterprise, there would be a diminishing audience of claqueurs for the soap box orators who expound the theory that the government should own the power industry.

Communism in Mexico

There are increasing signs that resentment and resistance to the spread of Communism in Mexico is increasing. The latest evidence of this trend was the resignation of former President Lazaro Cardenas from his Federal Government job as executive director of a hydro-electric irrigation project.

Former President Cardenas is acknowledged to be one of the most powerful politicians in Mexico, and it is said by many that his endorsement is necessary for election to many Federal jobs. Though Cardenas resigned his job in anger, and though he declined to give specific reasons for his resignation, it was obvious that he was embittered by recent attacks on the Mexican press.

The press has criticized his role in the burial of a Communist official recently, especially a picture taken and distributed widely which shows Cardenas standing beside the coffin draped with the Communist flag. Cardenas' support of Guatemala pro-Communist leader, Col. Jacobo A. Guzman, who has now been ousted, also aroused resentment in Mexico.

In U.S. circles there has been concern about Communist activity in Mexico for some time now. The Mexicans are always subject to anti-American propaganda, the United States having won the last war fought against Mexico and having acquired Mexican territory as a result. (There was trouble with Mexico along the border as recently as early in this century.)

However, Cardenas and other apparent Communist sympathizers appear to have overstepped themselves. It becomes obvious that the majority of Mexicans and the majority of Mexican newspapers are not willing to support Communists in their various resentments of the United States.

The resignation of Cardenas is an encouraging sign, which may mark the turning point in the growth of Communist influence in Mexico. If this is true, it is clearly a significant development, for one need not be a genius to realize what a Communist Mexico would mean on the southern borders of this country.

Dr. Oscar A. Benson, president, National Lutheran Council: "The churches of the West have kindled confidence in the hearts of those who wait behind Iron Curtains for the dawn of freedom."

Dr. Howard Whipple Green, Methodist preacher: "Sermons should be aimed to coincide with the educational level of the congregation."



LAW IN ACTION

OUR CHILDREN AND THE LAW

Children are our greatest natural resource. And the law treats them as such. The law does much to make sure that children have a chance to grow up into healthy, educated adults. For as adults, they must carry on our government, industry, and business.

Under the law a father has a duty to support his minor children, even though the parents are divorced, and either or both have married again.

For example, take John Smith. When he and his wife Susan were divorced, the court ordered John to pay Susan \$100 each month to support their children.

John paid each month for a year. Then he heard that Susan had married again. So he quit. Officers arrested him on a charge of deserting his children, a crime punishable by imprisonment.

John protested to his lawyer that his former wife had married again. His children had a new father. So he no longer

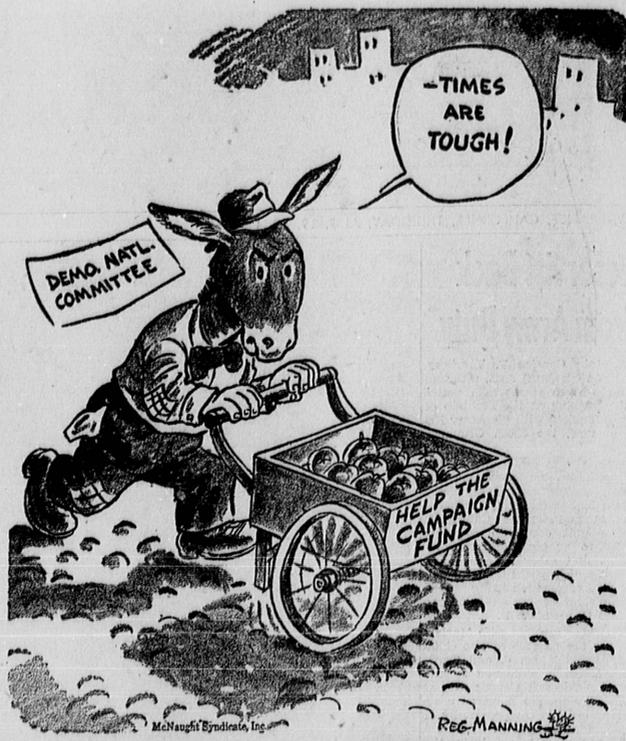
owed a duty to the children. The lawyer told John he was still the children's father and he was responsible for their welfare, at least until the stepfather or some one else should adopt them, or until they became of age. But so long as Susan's second husband had not adopted the children, John had to pay to support them. The court could send him to jail for failing to obey the court order. Even without a court order, John could go to jail for neglecting his children.

Other reluctant fathers have learned that in 1951 the California Legislature adopted the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act. It aims to enforce both the civil and criminal law relating to the support of children against fathers who leave the state.

These are only a few of the many things our law does to protect our children.

NOTE: The State Bar of California offers this column for your information so that you may know more about how to act under our laws.

I Still Say—



Criswell Predicts

An Accurate Glimpse of the Future

Criswell will answer your questions if you will write him in care of the Torrance Herald, signing your name and address. Only initials will be used in the answers which will appear in this column as received and as space permits. There is no charge for this service. Write Criswell Predicts today!

JUST FOR YOU GIRLS:

A special charge account and credit card will soon be issued to you girls by a gasoline company. After you spend so much you can have a tire changed free of charge plus a car wash! . . . Your next low calory cereal will be made of lemon and orange peels! . . . Shrimp will be plentiful this year and at a lower price due to the bumper catch! . . . Extra dry cola, in gallon cans for the hostess will soon be dual! The next beauty item to sweep the nation will be the individual "face-cleaners" which are absorbent pads which chemically clean the skin! . . . A new imitation chocolate which fools the experts will soon bid for popularity! . . . Watch for the bottom to fall out of coffee prices due to the boycott by you women! . . . You will be able to make money at home through mixing your own cosmetics and then selling them to women of your area. Next week I will start giving these valuable home formulas on this page!

WHAT YOU WILL DO IN 1959:

By looking 45 years into the future you will find that all traces of modesty as we know it today will have disappeared and nudity will be the accepted condition. There will be nude public bathing beaches (like Europe has today) and all sports arenas will feature nude racing, sports, basketball, football, track with both men and women entrants! The sexes will not be on the same level, for the women will control and own the world by that time, and men will be tolerated merely for the continuation of the race. Yes, in 1959, men will bear the names of women they marry, and a woman will never give up her name for a man's! Stand by and see!

A VERY FAMOUS PREDICTION

Cagliostro, the 18th Century alchemist and prophet, declared publicly in 1785 in Paris: "Louis XVI will ruin the throne of his ancestors by dying on the scaffold in his 39th year! His wife, Marie Antoinette will be imprisoned and beheaded! A Corsican will seize power in France and return France to world dominance, his name will be Napoleon! He will conquer thrones, nations and people but will end as a prisoner on a lonely island!" . . . Within 30 years all of these impossible things happened—the French Revolution with the execution of the King and his family, the rise of Napoleon and his fall—end death on a lonely island—St. Helena! . . . When Cagliostro was a prisoner in the Bastille, he wrote with a nail on the wall: "People of France! On the 14th of July 1789, this Bastille will be destroyed by you, and grass

will grow where it now stands!" Fifteen years later to the day, this came to pass. FOR PEOPLE AND PLACES: Enrico Mattei, the famous party giver and former woman diplomat, will retire from the Washington scene by the end of this year to write a hard-hitting book about what is wrong with the world. This book will be one of the most astute in modern political history, for it will be the first book written with a woman's viewpoint! . . . Atlanta, Ga.: Your Federal prison will soon be enlarged and remodeled, due to the mounting crime rate! . . . Serge Rubinstein: Your life will be musicalized for Broadway, and your career as a soldier of fortune, will be one of the top hits of 1954-1955! . . . Berlin, Germany: You will plan for a World's Fair in 1958! . . . Eddie Fisher: Your American recording of the Don Trifetti "I Wish and Wish" will be the most requested number for October 1954! . . . Laguna, Calif: You will be the art center of the west coast in 1955!

Dear Criswell:

Why does my husband scream at me? Doesn't he know I'm sensitive? I just saw my personal doctor, and he said I'm on the verge of a nervous breakdown, and if I don't get away soon, it will be too late. My husband says if I leave he won't be here when I return. I'm caught betwixt and between and don't know which way to turn. Please help a lady in distress. Mrs. Anne P. 220.

My Dear Anne:

I know your husband is most thoughtful and his nasty temper has been almost too much for your frail shoulders. I advise you to get away for at least six weeks, and you will visit your parents for if you do not, you will be hospitalized and it will be years before you regain your full strength again. This man needs you and he will be here when you return, but will be a little afraid that you might leave again permanently, and his attitude will change.

Dear Criswell:

I don't mind a drink or two before dinner, but my husband insists on having a full fifth of whiskey. He always gets too drunk to appreciate my cooking and he insists I make apple turnover for him all the time, from his own recipe. When the same shirt and trousers week after week. It's almost impossible to be in the same room with him. He has a lot of money but won't touch his bank account and I don't want to hurt his feelings as we are his only relatives. What do you advise? Mrs. L.A.D. 44

You will tell your uncle of a wonderful sale on clothes and will be to buy them for him if he will repay you. This will meet with his approval but not until you make him think he is truly getting quite a bargain. I know

you will have to lay out some of your own money for these clothes, but your uncle will leave his entire fortune to you when he passes. He is quite a strange man but you will pamper him for in the end you will be rewarded.

Dear Criswell:

Are they going to remove the trees in front of our house? This has always been such a pretty street, and I hate to see nature destroyed? Augusta P.

My dear Augusta:

You will draw up a petition and everyone on your street will gladly sign it in order to preserve these beautiful trees. They will be saved and your street will remain as it has been all these years.

Dear Criswell:

Should I take this course in night school? Phyllis O. 755

My dear Phyllis:

Yes. You will be able to commercialize with this talent and it will bring you quite a bit of extra money later on. Your friend will attend classes with you.

Dear Criswell:

Is this oil well deal a fraud? William T. 434.

My dear William:

Do not invest any money in this venture for these men are completely dishonest and they have sold identical rights to numerous people. They should be turned over to the local authorities for they are a menace to the people of your community. You will make an oil investment later on this year through your friend at the bank.

Dear Criswell:

I was waiting for a bus the other day, and a man picked up my small bag and dashed into a waiting cab. Was he a thief. The bag contained very important items to me, but of no value to anyone else. Shall I report this to the police? Will I ever get my property back? Is Hilda pregnant again? Mrs. S. E.

My dear Mrs. S. E.:

This man picked up your bag in error. He is quite absent minded and thought it was his own at the time. You will have your bag returned as there was a card inside with your name and address and within ten days it will be in your possession again. It will not be necessary to report this incident to the police. Hilda will have another child, a boy, by mid-summer.

Will it be a church wedding or must I be married in the judge's chambers again? Bonnie L. T.

My dear Bonnie:

Tell your fiancée that it will be a church wedding or no wedding at all. This man needs you more than you need him, and he will let you make the marriage plans. There will be most wonderful reception and you will have a honeymoon trip for the first time in your life.

The Bible Speaks

International Uniform Sunday School Lesson By Dr. Kenneth J. Foreman

Scripture: Acts 20:35; I Corinthians 16:1-2; II Corinthians 8:1-9. Devotional Reading: Philippians 4:10-15. Lesson for August 22, 1954

A great deal of "giving" is not giving at all. When two relatives give each other Christmas presents, it is more rightly called an exchange than giving. When the Red Cross or other community drives come along and the householder turns in his few dollars just so he will be counted, just to keep from being thought tight-wad, that is not giving, it is a form of tax.



Dr. Foreman

When the higher court (say a Bishop) lays upon a congregation an assessment, or in some church campaign for funds a certain amount is "allotted" to a congregation or an individual member, that still is not giving, more like a tax. You can rightly call it "giving" only when it is free done, out of sheer good-will, without desire of return.

Investing Personality

When a church invites you to give to one of the causes it supports, it is doing a great deal more, something quite different, than just asking you to shell out some cash. You are being invited to share and invest your personality, no less. There is a hymn which says, "If you cannot cross the ocean and the heathen lands explore, you may find them at your door." Well, you cannot cross the ocean, perhaps. You may be much too old to learn Korean or Portuguese. But your money can cross for you. Your money, given to "missions," represents your own work, your own energy and earning-power, put into portable form. In that portable form it becomes part of the salary of a young man and his wife who are missionaries in Korea or some other country. They may be evangelistic missionaries, preaching sermons you could never preach. They may be missionaries doing performing operations you could never do. Whatever they are, they are where they are, doing what they do, because of the gifts you and others have given through the church.

U. S. French Military Personalities Clash

Events that led to the French defeat in Indo-China were in part outlined in our two previous columns. Even as late as last spring, Indo-China could have been saved if the French made a determined effort to win; first, by offering independence and second, by use of the regular French army and U. S. advice to save the country for the people. Instead the gallantry at Dien Bien Phu was sabotaged by defeatism in Paris. This was not the brave French effort I had seen in Korea.

Lieutenant General John (Iron Mike) O'Daniel, whom I have known for some years as a Rotarian friend in the Honolulu Rotary Club, arrived in Indo-China last spring to help the French put out the fire. In spite of denials from the State Department and Pentagon, Iron Mike could not get to first base in his efforts to whip up a strong Vietnamese army, as General Van Fleet did with the Koreans in the last stages of the war.

General O'Daniel willingly gave up one of his three stars to be of lower rank than General Henri Eugene-Navarre, the French commander-in-chief. A prominent Frenchman revealed in Saigon that the French just wouldn't listen to Iron Mike, first, because they'd rather lose the war than have the Americans succeed where they have failed. . . . and second, they're afraid of a strong Vietnamese army, for it will weaken their hold on all Indo-China.

In war, as over the conference table, personalities play a dominant part. General O'Daniel and General Navarre just never hit it off. Navarre was a stern recluse who made few public appearances and never mixed even with his officers. He was in French intelligence for so long he would not even trust his own mother.

On the other hand, General O'Daniel was a hale and hearty man with an affinity for good food and drinks. The two got together only when protocol demanded it, or when U. S. aid was at stake. Iron Mike was bogged down in Saigon just as MacArthur was with some of our allies in Korea.

Korea and Indo-China Different

A French officer I had previously met in Korea told me on the Cambodia border that the French high command did not realize that the Vietnamese were far different from the Koreans in fighting spirit. "The Koreans," he said, "have a fighting leader in Syngman Rhee. They were patriots defending their country. The Vietnamese had no leader and nothing to fight for. By what stretch of the imagination did they expect the Vietnamese to respect Bao Dai as the Koreans Dr. Rhee?" Another French officer said to me: "Bao Dai spends most

AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

(Editor's Note.—This is the third and last installment on the French defeat in Indo-China, as John Morley saw it in 12 trips there since 1950. The war in Indo-China was one of gallantry and despair.

I saw it as a swamp-war fought day and night in deep foul-smelling rice fields. It was the kind of war I saw in Korea and Kenya, where no one knew who or where the enemy was.

In Korea the innocent native on the dusty road, who waved and said "Hello, Joe," was known to whisk out a grenade tucked under his shirt. It was a civil war, men of the same race dying for issues aggravated many thousands of miles away from home. . . . colonialism in France and communism in Moscow.

"Why can't we govern ourselves?" was a question I heard from both sides. That's what made the desperate seven and a half year war so futile. Non-communists on both sides wanted the same thing: Freedom and independence from the French.

Secretary Dulles said, "Indo-China must be given independence" but it took Communist Ho Chi Minh to make it stick. France lost a colony of 15,000,000 people to communism, but the free world lost a civilization in Asia. Secretary Dulles' statement to the Overseas Press Club in March 29, 1954, "The Communists can't have Indo-China," fell flat in the face of U. S. Foreign policy in Asia.

A Reporter's Eye-Witness Conclusions

Without political or diplomatic expediency, here are some final conclusions on the French and the free world's defeat in Indo-China:

1. Most of Ho Chi Minh's Communist and non-Communist supporters were convinced they were fighting for independence.

2. Even the non-Communist supporters seemed convinced that the U. S. was supporting France for continuation of colonial empire.

3. The French-made deals with known Communists like Ho Chi Minh to safeguard their colonial interests, not the interests of the Indo-Chinese people.

4. The French inexorably neglected to train a Vietnamese army. The officers were mostly French, and there were not enough to go around. When officers were killed, or on sick leave, the Vietnamese were left without leadership.

5. The Bao Dai government failed to remedy the abuses of the landlords and the peasants. There was no land tenure reform until the closing days of the war, but even then no means of implementation. The Viet-Minh gained many supporters from such abuses.

6. There was no similarity to the war in Korea, except that both were Communist inspired. The war in Indo-China was a colonial war. The people wanted freedom, not interference from the United Nations or the United States. When things got too hot for France, they began calling it a "Communist war," which was only partly true. By avoiding the real issue of colonialism, the French not only fooled themselves, but set back the free world's effort in Asia perhaps for generations.

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of his time on the French Riviera while his people are bled to death. The Communists are fighting us with zeal and fanaticism, just like the Japanese suicide dives on U. S. warships."

I learned in Indo-China that the Vietnamese soldiers kicked back 10 per cent of their pay to their officers. Graft was everywhere. In Saigon the soldiers were allowed to transmit only 5000 francs a month to France, or elsewhere, for safekeeping and those who had no home to send it to would sell that privilege to the crooked money-changers.

The French officers' attitude toward the Vietnamese officers was like a revival of the caste system. The Vietnamese were always served last in the officers' mess. I saw Vietnamese officers ignored by the French immediately after introduction. At formal military affairs it was always the Vietnamese officers who passed the trays and waited hand and foot on the French. General O'Daniel and other officers of MAG (U. S. Military Advisory group) protested this treatment as unbecoming fellow-officers in time of war, but the French ignored it.

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